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City expected to see 10 more cops as population grows by 100,000

'The math doesn't work.' Police association president says city's plan will impact response times

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Two cops walk down a Calgary street. The city would see just 10 additional police officers hired over the next four years as the population grows by an estimated 100,000 people, according to Calgary's new financial plan for 2015 to 2018. METRO FILE

Calgary would see just 10 additional police officers hired over the next four years as the population grows by an estimated 100,000 people, according to the city's new financial plan for 2015 to 2018.

The spending restraint comes within a department that already "serves more citizens with fewer officers than most other cities in Canada," according to city budget documents, published Tuesday.

It also comes amid predictions that the city's population projections may underestimate actual growth in the coming years.

The budget calculations assume population increases of 25,000 each year, but in 2014 the city grew by 38,508 people and many on city council believe annual increases of 40,000 are possible, even likely.

Still, police Chief Rick Hanson believes the minuscule increase in staffing levels is manageable, at least for the foreseeable future.

Hanson told councillors in September the modest budget request was developed "recognizing the fiscal constraints facing the city" and said police could maintain service levels by finding "operational efficiency" and making use of technologies — such as new facial recognition software — that help speed up their work.

"With the application of some of the technologies we're using, I think we can maintain through 2015 and probably into 2016," Hanson said.

"After that, there's no way I can absolutely predict what's going to happen."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi expressed confidence in the budget released Tuesday but admitted the longer-term plans may have to be adjusted as time goes on.

"If our population does increase at the level that we think it may, then by '17 and '18 you're going to start to see a police department that is perhaps a little bit too skinny," he said.

But Howard Burns, president of the Calgary Police Association, said the four-year plan simply "is not going to work."

"The reality is, the police numbers are getting a little thin today," he said, noting the service is also impacted by the growing number of people who live in Airdrie and Okotoks but work in Calgary.

While crime rates have remained relatively flat, Burns noted call volumes have continued to increase and said "our members are busier now than they've ever been."

Officers attended 145,259 calls in the first six months of 2014, up 1.8 per cent from the year before, according to the police service's latest quarterly report.

Calgary has 2,758 full-time positions on its police staff. Of those, Hanson said 2,045 are sworn officers and 713 are civilian members.

Of the country's 11 largest cities, only Ottawa and Quebec City have fewer officers — per 100,000 population — than Calgary, according to 2013 Statistics Canada data.

City council will debate and vote on the budget in the last full week of November.

Booming city

Population growth could throw budget off: Nenshi

In 2015, an estimated 1.196 million people will live in Calgary, according to projections contained in city budget documents released Tuesday.

But the city's population already stands at 1.195 million, according to the 2014 census, released in June.

That doesn't mean the city only expects to grow by 1,000 people in the next year. Rather, it means growth has already outpaced projections — something that could throw all the financial plans for a major loop, if it continues.

City Budget Office manager John Kwong said the estimates in Calgary's four-year financial "Action Plan" were prepared based on assumptions made in May, a month before census results revealed the largest population increase in city history: 38,508 new residents.

Between 2015 and 2018, the budget predicts Calgary's population will grow by just 6.5 per cent.

Meanwhile, the total operating budget will balloon by 20 per cent, from $3.5 billion to $4.2 billion, while typical property taxes will increase by 14.8 per cent and the city's fiscal stability reserve fund is projected to shrink by 19.2 per cent.

That's if the city only grows by 25,000 people a year, something Mayor Naheed Nenshi described as a "conservative" but "safe" estimate.

But, he added, if the city continues to see growth like it did in each of the past two years, "it means our budget predictions will be way off."

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Home-school families hit by academy's bankruptcy

Education conundrum. Parents' focus shifts to province, which doled out money despite financial uncertainty

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Scores of home-schooling families scattered across Alberta have been left in the lurch, after a private academy that funnelled provincial funding to them filed for bankruptcy last month.

Records obtained by Metro indicate Calgary's Green Learning Foundation faces a funding shortfall of about $106,000. The group's actual physical academy building has been vacated and most of the roughly 53 students learning inside have registered with other public and private authorities, the province said.

The bankruptcy filing, however, also lists dozens of home educators that remain without anywhere from hundreds to many thousands of dollars they rely on to educate their children from home.

Provincial legislation requires all home-schoolers to be supervised by a school authority — be it public or private — and those entities provide families with the province's annual $822 allotment per home schooled child.

But Calgary mother Annabelle Sotvedt, who's owed $1,644, said there had been warning signs of financial trouble within Green Learning as far back as January, leading her to question why the province still sent on the money.

"Why didn't they catch this?" she questioned Tuesday. "It just seems so bizarre ... what some parents have been told by some people within the Ministry of Education is that it's really our job to know how financially viable a (school) board is. It's a complete red herring — it has nothing to do with us."

Sotvedt has two children due to write provincial diploma exams this year, making the money from the province all that much more important. Four families interviewed by Metro that have been impacted by Green Learning's financial woes said they used the funds to purchase curriculum materials, computers, to enrol their kids in one extra-curricular activity and even to cover internet bills.

On Tuesday, Sotvedt attended a first meeting of creditors convened by Ernst & Young Inc. and came away with the sense that her kids' money is now being considered in much the same manner as outstanding phone, advertising and other bills owed by the foundation. She's far from alone, as families missing funds are listed as far away as Edmonton, Sherwood Park, Fort McMurray.

Green Learning Academy

- Green Learning Academy began operating in 2000, Alberta Education said.
- Approximately 8,000 Alberta students, roughly 1.3 per cent of the total provincial student population, are educated at home, the province said.

Annabelle Sotvedt is seen with her kids, Katharyn and Kyle, both of whom were funded through Green Learning Foundation before the organization filed for bankruptcy last month. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

One Calgary co-ordinator, Elizabeth Surridge, is owed nearly $34,000. Two years ago, she helped link 150 home-education students with Green Learning, but says she learned in Tuesday's meeting that the company had been plagued by "bad management."

"Green Learning had been in dire financial straits for two years and had been paying out money they didn't have," she said, before adding that provincial legislation spells out powers given to provincial Education Minister Gordon Dirks to pull back funds provided from the foundation that were due for home-schooling families.

"We believe the government will step up," she said. "We're very optimistic."

But the province says it did initially withhold nearly $479,000 from Green Learning after "numerous reminders" of the organization's financial reporting obligations.

But a statement provided to Metro added, "All grant funds were ultimately paid to GLF. Two payments were made in May and June, respectively, to allow GLF to make payroll. The rest of the money was paid in August after GLF provided Alberta Education with the outstanding audited financial statements."

Green Learning officially filed for bankruptcy Oct. 14.

Efforts to reach officials with the foundation made over two days were unsuccessful.

Dogs saved from Los Cabos hurricane up for adoption

'Dogs just washed away'. Thousands of animals displaced in September storm

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Dogs displaced during a devastating September hurricane in Mexico have found refuge — and hopefully new homes — in Calgary.

Carmen Zvonik, president of Fur-ever Homes Rescue Society, arrived back in the city over the weekend with seven dogs provided by the Los Cabos Humane Society, which was hit hard when Hurricane Odile made landfall, bringing intense winds and rain not seen in the region since the 1960s.

"Dogs just washed away," Zvonik explained. "The shelter was underwater. When they showed up at the shelter in the morning, cats were just floating around. It was something you'd see in a movie; it was crazy."

Fur-ever has worked closely with the Los Cabos animal shelter over the years, fostering and adopting out hundreds of their animals.

Zvonik booked a ticket on the first WestJet flight to the area since the hurricane Oct. 26. She's planning a second trip to retrieve another seven dogs come mid-month.

But she conceded it will barely put a dent in the hundreds of animals displaced in the September storm.

"Mexico's always been really bad (for stray animals), but I took a couple of photos while I was there of dead animals on the road," she said. "The shelters are full. Normally, you would have, in the pens, one or two dogs, now they have four or five. So, they're literally having to put down healthy dogs that are potentially adoptable because they just don't have the room."

The dogs bound for Calgary were quarantined, fixed and received their necessary shots before hopping on the plane. A golden retriever among Zvonik's haul had already been adopted "straight from the airport" and two others had been placed in foster homes.

She hopes people will continue to supply aid to the hard-hit area, even as most of the popular tourist spots have been repaired.

"If everyone stepped up and helped just a little they will be able to make a big impact on this loved little town that many of us have visited for vacation," she said. "For some people, this is just a vacation destination, but for hundreds of thousands of people this is home."

Carmen Zvonik, president of Fur-Ever Homes Rescue, is seen with three dogs she pulled from Los Cabos in the aftermath of a devastating hurricane. From left are Cochita, Polett and Jimera. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

'Sunshine list' defeated, then revived by council

Coun. Joe Magliocca METRO FILE

Call it the Lazarus list?

Calgary's watered-down version of a disclosure policy for city employees' salaries — commonly known as a "sunshine list" — was first killed by a vote of city council on Tuesday, then revived after one councillor realized over the dinner break he had made a mistake.

"In the last vote, I didn't understand it properly," Coun. Joe Magliocca said, about an hour after the policy was defeated by a 7-7 vote.

"I didn't realize this was the list that was going to be on the website as a sunshine list and I'm OK with a sunshine list so I'd like to reconsider my vote."

Council agreed, re-voted, and ultimately approved the plan, which will see the titles and salary ranges of city staff members who make more than $100,000 a year — but not their names — published online, starting in 2015.

Police and staff at the Calgary Public Library and civic partners like the zoo are exempt.

The measure found sufficient support among council after city administration clarified that producing the list would require no additional staff; an earlier report suggested three full-time people would need to be hired to create the list and one to maintain it.

Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart admitted the policy is "a pretty modest venture" when compared to disclosure policies in other jurisdictions, but described it as a worthwhile step toward greater transparency.

"I would rather we take some baby steps in this direction before anything would be imposed by the province on municipalities," she said.

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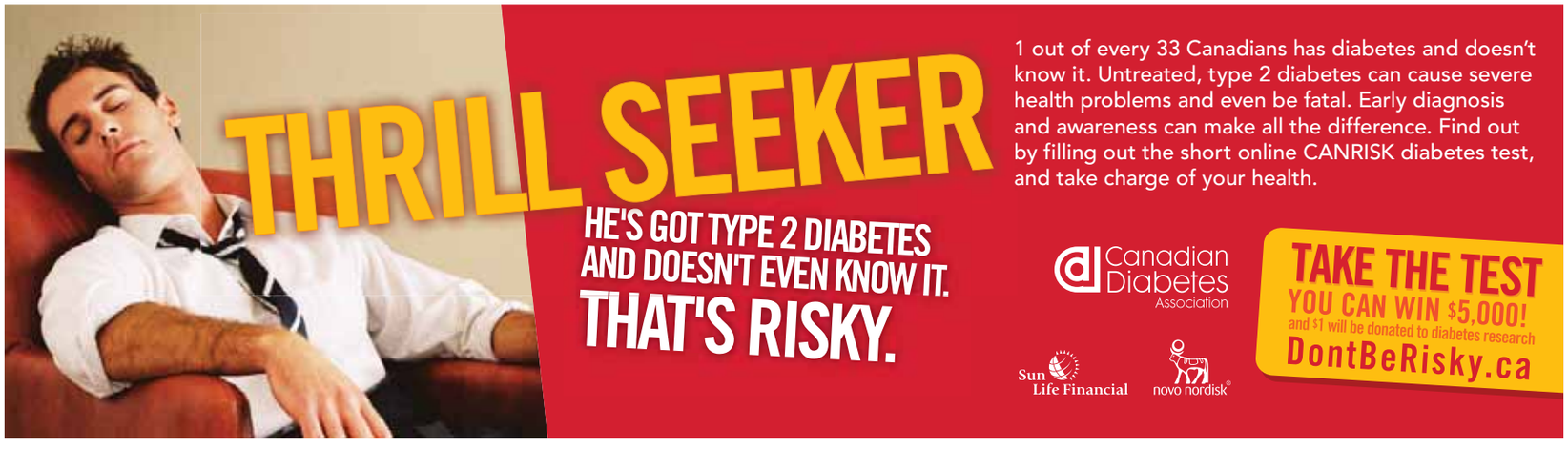
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Precocious singing sensation returns to Calgary for concert

Darren Espanto.
Star's promoters have dubbed 13-year-old the 'total performer'

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Darren Espanto has his face plastered on T-shirts, cardboard stand-ups and buttons.

Soon he'll release his first album and he recently got a standing ovation for his performance inside New York City's famed Carnegie Hall.

He's 13.

The Calgary youngster's star rose rapidly when his audition on The Voice Kids — a reality competition staged in the Philippines, where Espanto's parents are from — aired on TV.

That night, his name was the No. 1 trending topic in the world on Twitter. YouTube videos of his performance have pulled in millions of views.

Espanto would wind up second in The Voice competition, despite outcry from hundreds of thousands of fans, dubbed "Darrenatics."

Now, he's back home for his first show since becoming a singing sensation.

"I couldn't believe how many people noticed me after The Voice," he said. "I checked my Instagram after my audition and found I had 1,000 followers, and now it's at 230,000."

His new album, due out by year's end, will feature a mix of genres. Four of the songs will be in Tagalog, a Filipino dialect. His promoters hope he'll be a hit in his native Canada too, but mother Marinel admits she has "mixed emotions" about her son's rapid ascent.

"I'm very happy and proud of him but, somehow, I always want the simple life we used to have, the privacy and all those things," she said.

"I think we'll just take it day-by-day, whatever it brings Darren. It's his dream.... We'll just keep supporting him."

Darren, meanwhile, is mixing in a bit of schoolwork, with upcoming tours in Asia, Australia and, of course, back in the Philippines. He says his confidence on stage is rising.

"I always enjoy it," he said. "It's what I love to do, to perform and sing."

Mark the date

Darren Espanto performs at 7 p.m. Friday at the Grey Eagle Resort & Casino.

Darren Espanto is back in Calgary and hopes to meet as many of his hometown fans as possible. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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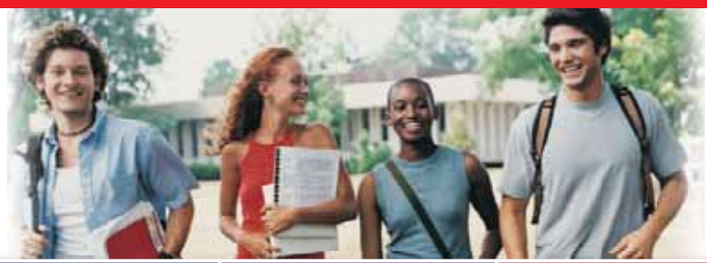

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Bulk of flood-battered Bowness Park to reopen

Most of northwest Calgary's treasured Bowness Park is set to reopen Monday, according to the area city councillor and community association.

The city was halfway through a major renovation of the site when the park was forced to fully shut down due to damage sustained in the historic June 2013 floods.

"It'll be open on Monday — three-quarters of it," Coun. Ward Sutherland said Tuesday. "The tea house, unfortunately, won't be open. We're still sourcing the vendor, and the appropriate vendor is getting picked over the next few weeks. But by springtime they'll be in and the tea house will be operational."

Mike Crawford, director of planning and communications with the Bowness Community Association, said the reopening date had bounced around a lot, but at one point it looked like the park wouldn't reopen until Christmastime. He said the association has now been told 70 per cent of the 30-hectare site will be ready Monday, deeming the development a "pleasant surprise."

"It's a keystone park in the city of Calgary as a whole and it's obviously enjoyed year-round by the community," Crawford said. "It's also important for drawing in Calgarians across the city to bring in business for our retail businesses. Several businesses have noticed a significant drop since Bowness Park closed."

It's believed the park's popular skating lagoon will be ready for the holiday season, too.

City officials said more information would be provided about the reopening Wednesday.

"Everybody's been itching for the park," Sutherland said. "It's a big deal for the community."

Parks manager Doug Marter said during a tour of restoration work in June that 4,000 tonnes of silt had been hauled out of the park.

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Crews work to restore Bowness Park in this photo taken during a tour of the site in June. METRO FILE

Sgt. Tom Hanson, pictured with an array of party drugs, holds up one of the weapons police seized in an October trafficking bust. HELEN PIKE/METRO

'It's like a party drug pharmacy'

Bust. Calgary police say they seized large quantity and variety of drugs; brother and sister charged

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A tip from the public led to a month-long investigation and eventual police raid of a southwest Calgary home where they found an array of guns, ammunition, cash and party drugs.

Police say the investigation concluded Oct. 15 with the arrest of two people after the search of a car and apartment building at the 100 block of 13 Avenue SW.

"It's like a party drug pharmacy, from the marijuana on up to the LSD, for sure," said Sgt. Tom Hanson. "They're drugs that are used in the rave situations and parties and social situations."

Eric Feuerhelm, 32, and Linda Feuerhelm, 35, were both charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, while Eric was also charged with firearm-related offences. The siblings are to appear in court on Nov. 15.

Hanson says it's unusual to see this kind of variety of drugs, and particularly concerning to see handguns with magazines able to hold several rounds of ammunition. According to Hanson, it's clear from the items seized these were high-level traffickers.

"The quantities are quite large, and the variety is kind of unusual to have ... and that quantity of drugs available in one location." said Hanson.

Police believe there are organized crime connections to this case. They're working to track the weapons, and test the party drugs as a part of the ongoing investigation.

Movember

That bus needs a shave!

Calgary Transit buses and trains are sporting warm furry 'faces' as they brave the November cold.

For Movember, Calgary Transit has launched a friendly contest, asking commuters to spot the 'stache and submit photos via social media to win.

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If you see a train with a furry upper lip, send in your photo to @calgarytransit via Twitter or Instagram to be entered. METRO

Kather El-Khatib. Police hope posters generate tips in 2012 homicide case

Calgary police are deploying posters in the area where a 2012 homicide occurred in hopes of jogging the memories of potential witnesses.

Kather El-Khatib, 56, was shot while sitting in a dark green Ford Bronco in the 4300 block of 19 Avenue SE. He was found dead in the vehicle by a female associate around 1:15 a.m.

Anyone with information on the matter is asked to contact police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Kather El-Khatib
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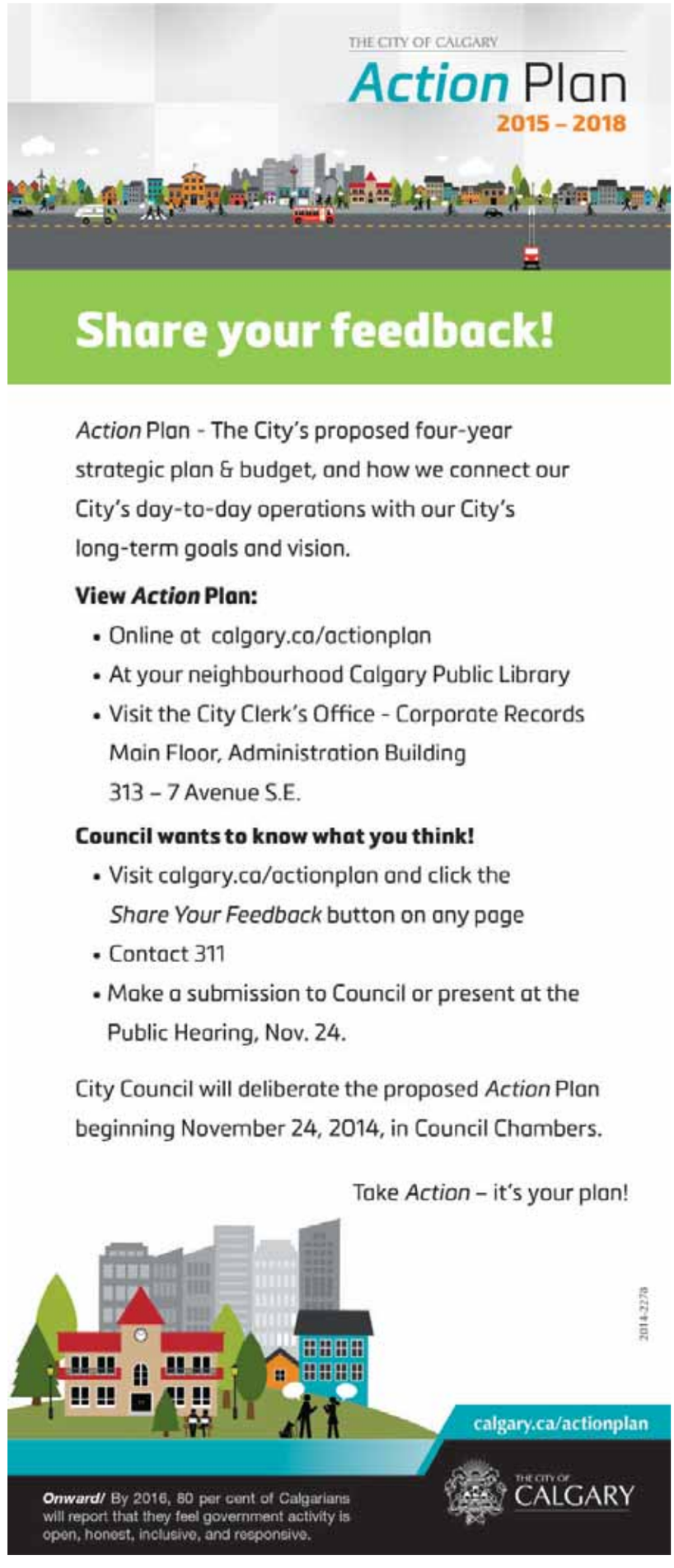
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U of A flu clinic goes paperless

Health. Tablet-based registration means shorter lines and convenience for those getting shots: Officials

It's nothing strange to see students working on tablets at the U of A.

But for the first time, the technology is part of the school's mass flu immunization campaign, ditching the paper forms for easier electronic sign-up.

One of the largest dedicated flu clinics in Alberta, the U of A site is piloting a project — a joint effort of the University Wellness Services and Alberta Health — to improve the clinic experience and streamline the immunization process by registering people on one of 18 tablets.

And with some 5,000 students, U of A staff and families expected to get the flu shot during the clinic, which runs until Friday, organizers hope this more efficient, effective way to gather data encourages even more people to sign up.

"Most importantly, we want all Albertans to get the flu shot," said Health Minister Stephen Mandel. "But we're also encouraging the younger generation, who are more apt to use this technology, to register. If it works, we hope to implement it across the province."

AHS has given $100,000 to the project.

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U of A staff and students test-drive the new paperless registration for the province's immunization clinics. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

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Orphans. Calgary Zoo's black bear cubs now part of a 'blended' family

Two orphaned black bear cubs have been paired with a "white" mother of the same species to create a "blended" family that the Calgary Zoo is touting as a success.

The two cubs arrived at the zoo in late August from the Yukon and had been in quarantine.

Recently, they were introduced to the zoo's "white" black bear, Manuka.

"The three are settling into their new 'blended' family within the black bear habitat in the Canadian Wilds area of the zoo," the Calgary Zoo said in a release Tuesday.

Curator Mike Teller said, "Young bears are very social and this will be enriching for all of the bears."

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The two orphaned black bear cubs are seen in this video still.
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Jason Cermak

Correction

Calgary actor Jason Cermak's name appeared incorrectly in the Tuesday print edition of Metro Calgary.

We regret the error.

Work for free, BoC governor advises young Canadians

Youth unemployment. Poloz says unemployed youth should intern or volunteer to gain some learning experience

Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Bank of Canada governor is recommending jobless young people burnish their CVs by working for free while they wait for the hobbled job market to pick up.

Speaking to a House of Commons committee Tuesday, Stephen Poloz suggested young Canadians struggling to find work should acquire more experience through unpaid internships or volunteering.

When asked what kind of advice he normally gives a young person looking for work in the tough job environment, Poloz told the committee he replies: "Well, volunteer to do something which is at least somewhere related to your expertise set, so it is clear that you are gaining some learning experience during that period."

He said hiring in Canada has failed to keep up with the already improving economy.

"Our belief is, though, that over the next two years we will manage to close up that gap," Poloz told the finance committee. Poloz added, however, that recent graduates who have not been able to find work will have to compete for jobs against new grads that arrive after them.

Liberal MP Scott Brison asked Poloz whether he thought unpaid internships were more of a benefit for wealthier youth because young people from a lower-income backgrounds can't afford to work for free. Poloz acknowledged it was an issue with unpaid work, but he recommended young people take the opportunities when they are available. THE CANADIAN PRESS

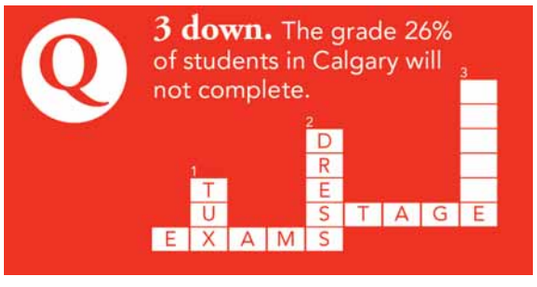
Ruling upheld

CSIS hid foreign spying from court, judges affirm

The Federal Court of Appeal upheld a ruling Tuesday that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service hid the fact it was relying on foreign intelligence agencies to spy on Canadians abroad.

A panel of appeal judges affirmed the conclusions of Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley, who criticized CSIS for requesting warrants to track two Canadians with help from the Communications Security Establishment.

CSIS deliberately failed to disclose that CSEC's foreign counterparts in the Five Eyes intelligence network could be called upon to help, Mosley said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



CF-18s hit ISIL construction gear: General

Canada's overseas operations commander lifted the veil Tuesday on the air force's first bombing missions in Iraq as published U.S. reports suggested the plan to beat back the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) stretches until at least the end of 2015.

Sunday's CF-18 airstrikes destroyed construction equipment that ISIL fighters were using to develop defensive positions near Fallujah, west of Baghdad, Lt.-Gen. Jonathan Vance told a news conference in Ottawa. The militants were also reshaping a local dam, flooding nearby land to force Iraqi forces onto roads that had been mined and to deny a water supply to civilians, Vance said.

The New York Times reported over the weekend that a major counter-offensive by Iraqi forces, backed by American advisers and coalition air power, won't begin until the spring.

The goal will be for Iraqi and Kurdish Peshmerga fighters to cut off the enemy's Syrian supply routes, isolating them in strongholds such as Mosul before they can be driven out — something that likely won't happen until the end of 2015.

How many bombs were dropped and whether any ISIL fighters were killed in Sunday's raid were subjects Vance was not prepared to talk about, but he did say he was confident there were no civilian casualties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lt.-Gen. Jonathan Vance at the National Defence headquarters in Ottawa on Tuesday.
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China 'at a crossroads,' says memo preparing PM for trip

Diplomacy. Harper to embark on his third visit to country, which briefing note describes as facing political risk as it deals with economy

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is bound for a country at a crossroads, as he prepares to meet a Chinese political leadership that faces significant political risk in trying to move its massive economy forward.

That blunt assessment, uncharacteristic of a government bent on deepening economic relations with China, is contained in a briefing note prepared for International Trade Minister Ed Fast in advance of his April 2013 visit to that country.

Fast is one of many Conservative cabinet ministers who in recent years have prepared the way for the prime minister's third official visit to China, which starts this week.

Harper's office is emphasizing the economic and trade component of the trip, but it isn't shying away from the obvious human rights and democracy issues in China.

A briefing book prepared for Fast's trip last spring, a copy of which has been released recently under Access to Information, is part of several government documents that show the Harper government has been busily assessing the lay of the land in China for the last year. That includes weighing the political ramifications of China's rapid and uneven economic growth, and its relatively recent change in communist leadership.

"Today, China is at a crossroads. While the government has largely delivered on economic outcomes, with unprecedented growth over the past 30 years, the development of China's social welfare and governance systems has not kept pace," says the briefing note, dated March 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper responds to a question in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Tuesday. Harper is bound for China, a country "at a crossroads," according to a 2013 briefing note. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba

'Naked judge' loses bid to avoid disciplinary hearing

A Manitoba judge whose nude pictures were posted online has lost a bid to quash a disciplinary hearing that could result in her removal from the bench.

A panel of judges appointed by the Canadian Judicial Council has dismissed a motion from the lawyer for Associate Chief Justice Lori Douglas to throw the case out. Sheila Block compared Douglas to celebrities such as Jennifer Lawrence or Scarlett Johansson, whose nude photos were hacked, or to a rape victim who is subsequently shunned. Block argued the panel shouldn't put Douglas through more trauma because she was a victim of cyber sexual assault.

The panel rejected Block's argument, and is expected to post reasons for its decision within days. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lawyer to helm Ghomeshi investigation

A Toronto employment lawyer with expertise in workplace harassment will lead an independent investigation into the scandal that has erupted around Jian Ghomeshi, former host of the radio show Q, the CBC said Tuesday.

In an email to staff, executive vice-president Heather Conway said Janice Rubin would begin her work immediately.

Conway urged anyone who worked on Q, or an earlier Ghomeshi show called Play, to contact Rubin with any complaints, concerns or experiences involving harassment, discrimination, violence or other inappropriate workplace conduct.

"If you have any information you wish to share, I strongly encourage you to come forward in order to ensure the investigation is as thorough as it must be," Conway said.

"Please be assured, these conversations will be handled sensitively and any individual who comes forward will be treated with care and respect."

While maintaining confidentiality, Rubin will report to senior CBC management about what she heard and what her investigations uncovered along with recommendations on resolving any complaints.

The investigator will also report separately on what the broadcaster should do to prevent any similar issues arising in the future.

Rubin is described on the law firm's website as an award-winning workplace investigator who has made guest appearances on CBC as an expert. She refused to comment on whether this posed a conflict of interest.

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Parcels, parts of an Ebola treatment centre, waits to be loaded onto an airplane bound for Sierra Leone at Schoenefeld airport south of Berlin on Tuesday. ODD ANDERSEN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Thousands look for food, break Ebola quarantine

Sierra Leone. With deliveries not reaching some West African regions, Ebola patients are forced to gather their own resources

Thousands of people in Sierra Leone are being forced to violate Ebola quarantines to find food because deliveries are not reaching them, aid agencies said.

Large swaths of the West African country have been sealed off to prevent the spread of Ebola, and within those areas many people have been ordered to stay in their homes.

The government, with help from the UN's World Food Program, is tasked with delivering food and other services to those people. But there are many "nooks and crannies" in the country that are being missed, Jeanne Kamara, Christian Aid's Sierra Leone representative, said Tuesday.

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has killed nearly 5,000 people, and authorities have gone to extreme lengths to bring it under control, including the quarantines in Sierra Leone.

Some efforts have begun to show progress. The situation in Guinea is improving, as is the quality of care for Ebola patients, thanks to international aid, said Aboubakar Sidiki Diakite, an official with the country's Health Ministry, who was visiting Paris on Tuesday.

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Ebola

The WHO says more treatment and medical centres are needed.

- **Health centres.** There are currently 16 centres up and running, with 58 more planned.
- **World Food Program.** In October the program fed 450,000 people in Sierra Leone.

Oscar Pistorius

Prosecution files conviction appeals

Prosecutors in the Oscar Pistorius case filed appeals Tuesday, believing the judge did not correctly apply the law when she found Pistorious not guilty of murder for shooting Reeva Steenkamp. They will also appeal his conviction for the legal equivalent of manslaughter.

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Thailand

Student insults king, gets jail time

A Thai court sentenced a university student to 2-1/2 years in prison on Tuesday for posting a Facebook message the court said insulted the country's king.

A Criminal Court judge found 24-year-old Akkaradet Eiamsuwan guilty of violating Thailand's lèse majesté law, which punishes people who defame, insult or threaten the monarchy.

The role of the monarchy has come under closer scrutiny in recent years due to concerns about succession when 86-year-old King Bhumibol Adulyadej reaches the end of his reign.

Thailand's lèse majesté law is the world's harshest, carrying jail terms of three to 15 years.

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Rebuilding

Reconstruction of Gaza begins: UN

The United Nations says that a program to reconstruct the Gaza Strip after this summer's 50-day war with Israel has begun.

Palestinian estimates say that as much as $6 billion will be required to repair the damage.

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Would you want cheap child care or tax breaks?

Food Banks Canada.
Group argues affordable, regulated child care would be more helpful to struggling families than tax benefits

Canadian food banks are wading into the hot political debate over how best the federal government can help families with kids: give them tax breaks, as the Conservatives are doing, or invest in regulated child care, as the NDP proposes.

In its annual HungerCount report, Food Banks Canada comes down squarely on the side of the NDP.

It says the use of food banks remains 25 per cent higher than it was before the devastating global recession in 2008.

Among other recommendations, the report says the federal government should replace "the current alphabet soup" of child tax benefits with a new child well-being benefit that targets the most vulnerable families.

And it calls on federal and provincial governments to invest in predictable, stable funding for affordable, regulated child care, enabling parents to enter or remain in the workforce.

The report comes just days after Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced a family tax package, which includes enhanced child tax benefits and income splitting — a measure economists say will benefit primarily wealthy couples with kids.

The Conservatives have said their plan will allow parents to choose what's best for their kids and have disparaged the NDP's proposal to invest $5 billion a year to create one million, $15-per-day child care spaces.

According to the HungerCount 2014 report, 841,191 people received food from a food bank in Canada last March, a month that is considered average for food bank use. That's up one per cent over the same period last year and remains 25 per cent higher than in 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Food bank users

According to the Food Banks Canada report, households with children are the biggest users of food banks.

- Almost a quarter of those helped are two-parent families. Children make up 37 per cent of food bank users.

Analysts warn

Scotiabank cuts could be sign of things to come

Widespread cost reductions at Scotiabank, which include plans to cut 1,500 jobs, could be a sign of changes to come in, several analysts suggest.

The move has some wondering if the rest of Canada's banks will make similar adjustments to their operations, as underperforming regions and slower overall growth add pressure to results.
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From Netherlands

Russian accused of hacking to be extradited to U.S.

The Dutch government has approved the extradition to the United States of a Russian citizen accused of participating in a hacking ring that penetrated computer networks of more than a dozen corporations and stole at least 160 million credit and debit card numbers.
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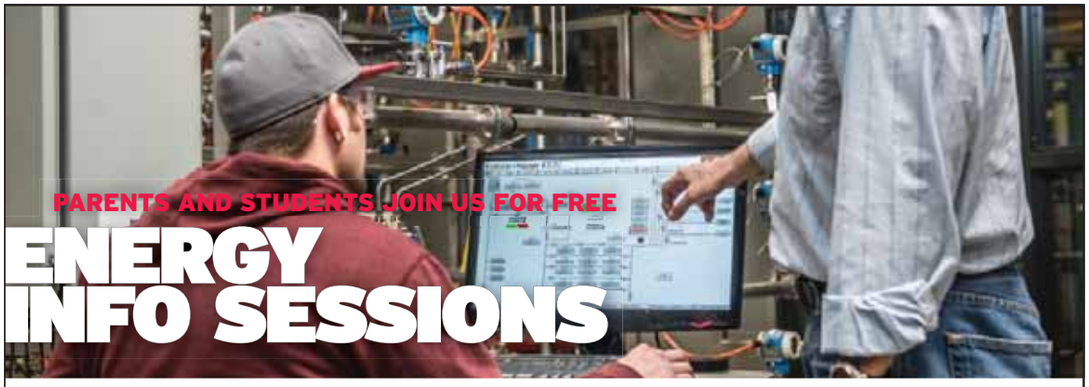

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White flag. Visa, MasterCard end 'arms race' with fee reductions for merchants

Visa and MasterCard have agreed to reduce the fees they charge merchants for using credit cards to complete transactions, a move one business group is calling an end to the credit card "arms race."

The voluntary agreements, submitted to the government separately by the two companies, will result in an average effective card "swipe" rate of 1.5 per cent for the next five years, Finance Minister Joe Oliver says.

The reduction amounts to a 10 per cent rate cut, according to the Finance Department.

While not massive, the reduction will be welcomed by small merchants, says Dan Kelly, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The fee reduction by Visa and MasterCard is welcomed by small merchants.
RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Virgin Galactic pilot talks with a National Transportation Safety Board investigator at the SpaceShipTwo accident site.
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Accident. Space tourism in jeopardy

Federal accident investigators have an early sense of what went wrong before an experimental spaceship designed to ferry tourists beyond the Earth's atmosphere broke apart during a test flight. But they still don't know why the craft prematurely shifted its shape prior to the deadly crash.

And another question looms: How far will the accident push back the day when paying customers can routinely rocket dozens of kilometres into the sky for a fleeting feeling of weightlessness and a breathtaking view?

National Transportation Safety Board investigators worked Monday at the main wreckage area where Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo fell to the ground in the Mojave Desert. They also collected tiny debris 56 kilometres away. The accident killed the co-pilot and badly injured the pilot who parachuted out of the ship Friday.

Passenger jets typically fly about 11 kilometres high. Virgin Galactic envisions flights with six passengers climbing to more than 100 kilometres above Earth. Seats sell for $250,000 US and the company says it has booked passengers including Justin Bieber, Ashton Kutcher and Russell Brand.
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WHEN SCANDAL HITS: TUNE IN OR OPT OUT?

GUEST COLUMN

Kate Carraway
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Last week was super-productive: On Monday, and Tuesday, and Wednesday, I got more work done than I usually have by Friday.

I was on deadline-lockdown, also known as "desk-jail," which means turning on the Internet-blocking program Freedom for hours at a time to focus more on my own stuff and less on everyone else's Twitter feeds. But last week the Internet was almost totally unavailable for me.

The news cycle was, of course, dominated by Jian Ghomeshi, and many women, and many other people's ideas about Jian Ghomeshi and many women.

Usually, I'd be all over it, reading every article, watching the relevant hashtags build and mutate, and refreshing Twitter as fast as my pro-level Internet-finger can click. Usually, I'd find myself emerging after a scary news cycle and subsequent social-media cloudbursts with a headache and a handful of peanut M&Ms.

Instead, this time, I just ... didn't. I opted out. The circumstances of my work schedule suddenly collided with the fact that, as I get older, I get incrementally smarter about what I need to do (and see and read).

It doesn't mean I didn't have anything to say; on one of the sub-topics of last week's news I had *a lot* to say about the very specific ideas some people seem to have about what women should or usually do after being assaulted — all of it demonstrating a profound misunderstanding and lack of empathy about what other people's experiences might be like — but found myself disinclined to say it.

I didn't tweet about what everyone else was tweeting about, except something to the effect of "not reading the news is great."

While my friends and colleagues got way into the details — look, I was still checking my Twitter "Must Read" list — I instead thought almost exclusively about my own life and work.

I started to think of the disengagement as something else, something active rather than passive — even something radical. I was choosing to *do something else.*

It's not as though reading the news or even staying super-current is any kind of problem itself. The problem, which I discovered when I accidentally solved it (thank you, deadlines), is the common idea of having to consume news at the rate it expands and becomes available. By now, the news "cycle" either doesn't exist or happens every few seconds, and when that news is particularly upsetting or affecting (which varies from person to person) it can't be consumed in the way we've gotten used to, which is to be immersed in everything, always.

It's not that I won't take on anything that involves negative energy — which is fundamental to being alive — but I want and probably need to better manage the volume and veracity of information for information's sake (or gossip's, or random curiousity's).Now, if I'm not being informed or edified, I'm opting out.

Paul Sullivan returns with Just Sayin' next week.

Cloudbusting

A fallstreak hole forms in the sky over Wonthaggi, Australia, Monday. A fallstreak hole is a circular gap that appears in high clouds, when a section of the cloud freezes. The ice crystals are heavy, so they fall out of the cloud, leaving a hole. It is a relatively rare phenomenon. LEESA WILLMOTT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fallstreak hole stirs the imagination down under

A bizarre cloud over parts of Australia caused a flurry of concern and awe on social media.

The rare cloud, known as a fallstreak hole, appeared over the Wonthaggi, in the Gippsland area of Victoria on Monday, flecked with colour and giving the appearance of a hole in the sky.

Michael Efron from the Bureau of Meteorology's duty forecaster, said that the phenomenon is also known as a punch hole cloud.

"They form when the water temperature in the cloud is below freezing, but the water has not yet frozen due to a lack of ice nucleation particles," Efron told Fairfax Media. DAILYMAIL.CO.UK

Wild theories

In May the same type of cloud formed in Northern California, sparking conspiracy theories.

- "So the @WhiteHouse wants you to believe what happened over the skies of Stockton yesterday was a 'cloud formation' ? GTFOH #iKnowWhatiSaw," tweeted one user.
- Others pointed to government controlled weather manipulation and wormholes for the cloud's unusual appearance.

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Mom knows best

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SCREENGRAB

Are you excited for Christopher Nolan's Interstellar? Because we sure are. And so is a YouTube video editing ace who had his noob mother watch Inception and provide us with her slightly askew version of the plot. Perhaps in deference to the film's content, she also implants ideas of Matt Damon and Jennifer Lawrence as perfect co-stars in our heads. BAHM! (PixelsPerSecond/YouTube)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: CBC wants to know your thoughts on the future of Q. Who do you think should replace Jian Ghomeshi as host? #QTheFuture.

@MyroneDelacruz: Master T or @sookyinlee

@Mausheimer: Hire BILLY BOB!!!!! He's got the gravy! He's smart, brave, multi talented, can write his own essays, and he's a musician!

@ChillBQ : Would be great to see @NirmalaNaidoo get the role.

@stuckinoregon: The shows this week are as powerful as ever & benefit from not being tied 2 the star quality of a particular person #QtheFuture

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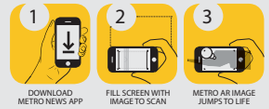

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SCENE 2

On film

Interstellar's reel deal

Today marks a milestone: a film is being released on film. Interstellar hits theatres today — just not even close to all of them. That may seem odd, given that it's one of the most highly anticipated movie events of the year: the latest from brainy blockbuster-maker Christopher Nolan.

Yet the only theatres getting it are the ones that never threw out their film projectors (and who still have the staff who actually knows how to work these rickety contraptions). Starting today one can see Interstellar in good, old-fashioned, grainy and dangerously combustible 35mm as well as super-sized 70mm IMAX. The ones that converted entirely to digital, which is nearly all of them — don't get it till Friday.

This bold move is a strong push-back against the digital wave that has almost entirely consumed modern movie watching. Grand gestures like this Interstellar brouhaha help create film awareness — even if, one could argue, it turns the medium into a William Castle-style gimmick.

Interstellar indeed looks great on 70mm. Its early scenes on Earth — the film, incidentally, is about Matt McConaughey and Anne Hathaway searching through the cosmos for a planet to replace the dying Earth — are sometimes impossibly dark. But once it gets to space you can not only *see* the majesty, but *feel* it. It looks real — it looks like film. MATT PRIGGE/METRO

Caine gets big bang out of Hawking

Movies. Meeting the physicist turns Interstellar star into a giddy fanboy

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Metro in Hollywood

Interstellar, one of the most anticipated films this month, stars Michael Caine, Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway. CONTRIBUTED

What does it take for Michael Caine to get star-struck? Meeting Stephen Hawking. And he recently got to do just that. Caine's work in Christopher Nolan's new film, Interstellar, gave him the chance to become friendly with theoretical physicist Kip Thorne, who in turn introduced Caine to Hawking — who himself only had one thing on his mind, as it turned out: Caine's wife.

When Christopher Nolan explained this project to you, how did you wrap your head around it?
Well, I was fascinated by it because I knew Kip Thorne's book about black holes and all that stuff, and then I found out that Kip Thorne was the technical adviser and that I was going to be — really, not playing Kip Thorne the person — but a Kip Thorne character. That's why I grew a beard; I wanted to look like Kip. And then he introduced me to Stephen Hawking, who came and saw the movie! I was so stunned, I nearly burst into tears. I mean, meeting Stephen Hawking, my God. It was incredible.

What was your interaction with him like?
He can hear every word you say, but he can only reply on the computer with a muscle in his eye. One muscle in the corner of his eye, it's down to that. I met him in the corridor with Kip, and Kip said,

Michael Caine CONTRIBUTED

"Stephen's got a message for you." I said, "What is it?" He said, "He wants to meet your wife." He loves the ladies. I introduced him to Jessica Chastain, Anne Hathaway, my daughters. Every pretty girl that was around, I introduced him to the lot of them. He had a great time.

Getting to work with Kip had to be an added bonus, as well.
Also it's a mine of information for someone like me. I'm not an expert on astrophysics. I mean, I know quite a lot about it, of course, but I'm not an expert. There were black holes, but then there were wormholes, and I didn't understand that. You realize how dumb you are. I was all right up until the third dimension, then the fourth dimension. And then when we got to the fifth dimension, I got confused. But the people younger than me can understand it, I'm sure.

At what point do you just assume that you're the voice of reason in Christopher Nolan's head?
I seem to be that all time, don't I? I'm always the one who's sort of there representing the people who stayed behind. Like in Batman, I was the realist, saying, "You're going to do what? You're going to put on a suit and go to the top of the building?" I seem to represent the people on Earth who don't go out and actually do the things. But in some cases, as in this picture, I'm the one who thinks it up.

Maybe next time he'll let you go on the mission.
No, I'm too old. I'm 81 now. By the time we do another I'll probably be 84. No, I think it could work, we'll see what he gets up to. You never know where Chris is going to come from. I've done it six times now, and I'll do it a seventh if he comes up with one. He will, and I'm hoping there will be something in it for me.

At this point, it would be rude of him not to include you.
Yeah, he's got to do it, hasn't he, really? Otherwise he'll upset an old guy.

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Ariana Grande GETTY IMAGES

Sending a great pumpkin is not the way to win Ariana's heart

Sometimes a fan loves Ariana Grande so much that the young singer has no choice but to call the cops on him. At least that was what happened when Tim Normandin, a 29-year-old man from Lowell, Mass., didn't heed her record company's request that he stop sending Grande outlandish and odd gifts, according to TMZ. Among the tokens of his affections? Eight Yankee Candle Company candles, calendars featuring puppies and kittens, a three-piece mirror set from Kmart, a $200 anklet from Kay Jewelers, a rock he picked up in New Hampshire's White Mountains and, best of all, a 42-and-a-half-pound pumpkin, which is apparently not the way to a pop star's heart after all. Huh.

Movie make-under takes the Cake for Aniston, who found the look liberating

In her new indie film, Cake, Jennifer Aniston got something of a make-under, dressing down with no makeup and a drab haircut to play a car-crash survivor. And you know what? She loved it. Aniston found taking on the look "so fabulous — so dreamy and empowering and liberating," she said during a recent Deadline panel. "The only time I had to sit in the makeup chair was just for the scars." Oddly, there haven't been a bunch of "get her look!" posts connected to this one.

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The Word

Rihanna not too shy to reveal her inner geek

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Metro in Hollywood

Rihanna graces the cover of Elle magazine for the fourth time for its December issue, and in honour of that, she sat down for a Q&A session. The resulting piece is full of evidence that Rihanna truly is the Ernest Hemingway of pop stars, using two words where someone like Miley Cyrus would probably use 12. But even with such brevity, her answers are illuminating — terrified of childbirth, loves Michael Bolton's Greatest Hits. Who knew?

Here are some of her more memorable sound bites.

- The answer we don't really believe:
  Elle: What do people misunderstand about you?
  Rihanna: I'm shy.
- The answer that's not such a huge surprise:
  Elle: What's your mantra?
  Rihanna: "F— bitches, get money!"
- The answer that solidifies her geek cred:
  Elle: The last time you were starstruck?
  Rihanna: When I met Aaron Paul at the Spike awards.
- Most unintentionally cringe-inducing answer:
  Elle: If you were a piece of jewelry, what would it be?
  Rihanna: I'd be a choker!

Sean Kory SCPD

The latest guy to bring the hot to a mug shot has a hate-on for Fox News

That's the thing about the Internet, it just keeps on rolling along. "Hot Mug Shot Guy" Jeremy Meeks is all but a memory, and now someone's come along to take his title. There's a new Hot Mug Shot Guy sweeping the Internet — with a less conflicting cause for arrest. Sean Kory was arrested at a Halloween parade for assaulting a man dressed up as a Fox News reporter. Kory reportedly yelled, "I hate Fox News," grabbed the man's prop microphone and rubbed it in his crotch then began pummelling the victim with a tennis racket, though police reports indicate the man was not injured. Meeks became an online sensation earlier this year when his mug shot went viral after his arrest on gang-related gun charges.

That's some long game! Ah-nold's boy has been creeping Miley since 2011

Miley Cyrus GETTY IMAGES

Miley Cyrus is reportedly now dating Patrick Schwarzenegger, son of the Governator himself and Maria Shriver, according to E! News. Now, some sources say they're "casually dating" while others say they're "just good friends" and "not officially together." Either way, one thing is for sure: Schwarzenegger likes to play the long game. In a 2011 Details magazine profile, he said of his dating life, "My eye, though, is on Miley." Which is either adorable or creepy. Or adorably creepy.

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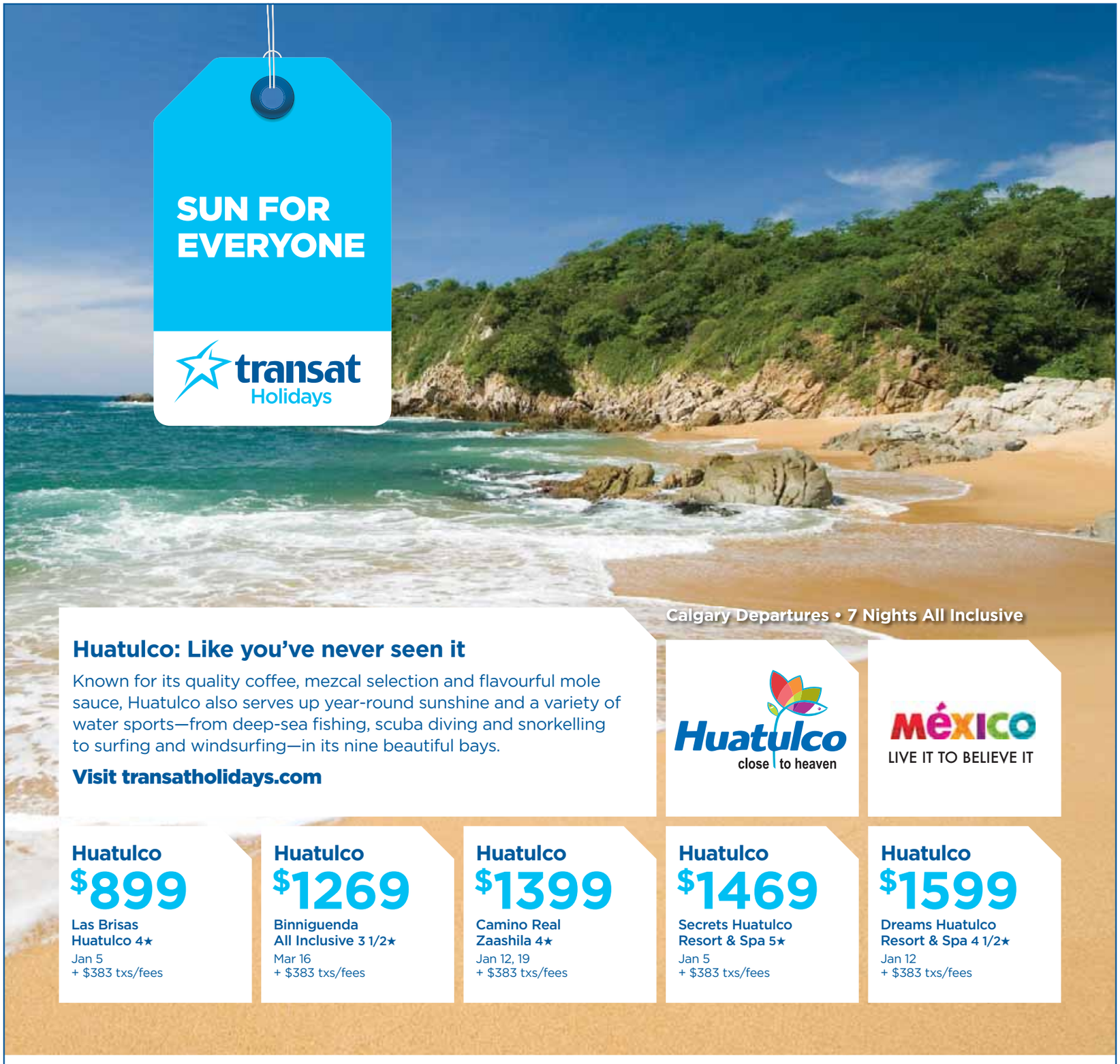

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How-to

Get your snowbird ducks in a row

Insurance expert Erin Finn from RSA Canada has some tips for those of you flying south.
1. Make sure the insurance company knows you'll be away for an extended period of time.
2. Have a friend or neighbour keep an eye on your house. In the event of a power outage, frozen pipes can spell disaster.
3. Make sure your travel insurance is up to date. Don't assume credit card travel insurance provides full coverage. Read the fine print.
4. Confirm that your driver's licences, passports and vehicle registration are valid for the entire trip.
5. Carry a list of all medical prescriptions with you, as well as your medical history.

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Trend

Child-free sun destinations

Leaving the kids with Auntie this season while you jet south? You're not alone. Adults-only vacation spots are on the rise, with everyone from young couples to retirees getting in on the peace and quiet — parents included. At places like the Dominican Republic's adults-only The Level at the Mèlia Caribe (pictured), you get not just grown-up dining and pools, but a giant swath of beach as well. Not a pail or shovel in sight.

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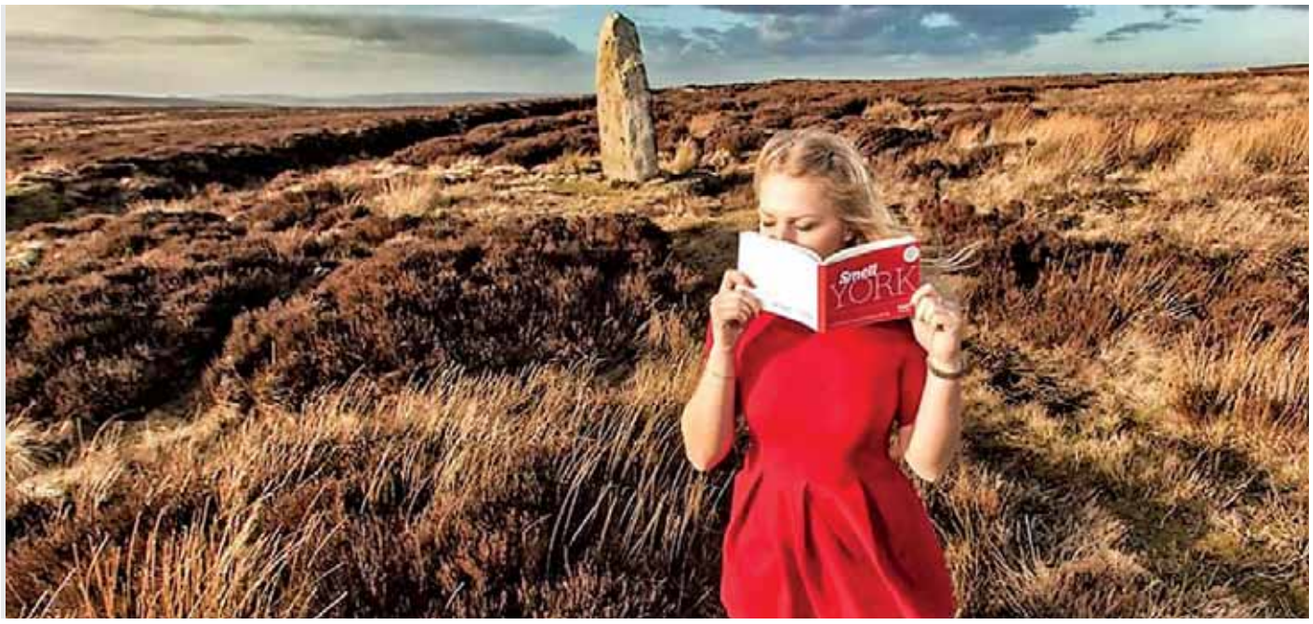
New

Gansevoort arrives in the D.R.

Gansevoort Hotel Group, of New York's Meatpacking District fame, opens oceanfront resort Gansevoort Playa Imbert in the Dominican Republic next month. Situated on the country's north coast, the new hotel is a step up from the regular resorts in the area, with 48 one- and two-bedroom lofts, plus several multiple-bedroom apartments. Private rooftops, plunge pools, gourmet food and a yoga garden are just a few of the luxe features on tap. Visit gansevoorthotelgroup.com. DOUG WALLACE



Let your nose be your guide through York

Travel is all about experiencing new sensations, including different smells: the fresh fragrance of a grassy meadow, the perfumes wafting from stores and the scent of candles in centuries-old cathedrals. That's why the tourist office in York, England, created the world's first scented visitor's guide. Titled Smell York, the city guide catalogues some of the English city's most distinctive aromas and corresponding tourist attractions. A total of 12 attractions are pictured in the booklet (one for each month), and each image is infused with an associated smell. Tourists simply scratch and sniff to experience the fragrances, which range from rather classic notes such as tea, chocolate and wild fern to a few more unusual odours. In a nod to the legend that York is one of the U.K.'s most haunted cities, the tourist office included a page with "the haunting aromas of ghosts," characterized by rose and sulphur notes. Tourists can also experience the smells of the horse track or the railroad. The Smell York guide is available online for £5 (around $8) at visityork.org/first-smellyork.aspx. AFP

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Culture and cuisine in the Sweet Home state

Mobile. Take in the southern style of this Alabama city — one obsessed with Mardi Gras, oysters and azaleas

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Two hours east of the non-stop party that is N'awlins (New Orleans) and an hour northwest of the Florida Panhandle's seductive sands, Mobile, Ala., provides the best of both worlds — a blossoming cultural core surrounded by the pleasures of the salt life.

Mobile (pronounced Mohbeel) is bona fide Southern, the historic downtown corridors adorned with a canopy of live oaks festooned with Spanish moss and Mardi Gras bead tendrils that hang in the sky year round. Architecturally, the city glistens with Greek Revival buildings, antebellum manses, gothic churches, and ornate balconies of lacey wrought iron.

While not as synonymous with Mardi Gras outside of the region as the Big Easy, Mobile was the first American city to laissez les bons temps rouler with Fat Tuesday celebrations dating back to 1703. Their annual two-and-a-half week-long bash is absolutely epic.

What to see

Gain a full appreciation for Mobilians' Mardi Gras obsession at the Carnival Museum. Scope out the many displays of intricate and sumptuous gowns and coronation robes and be sure to climb atop a parade float and hurl a moon pie, Mobile's go-to throw. Football fanatics should keep an eye out for JaMarcus Russell's crown from when he was King of Mardi Gras in 2010.

Then climb your way through the 12 decks of the feature attraction at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park. The vessel earned the nickname "The Lucky A" during the Second World War as no seamen were lost by enemy fire. Cleveland Indians Great Bob Feller joined the Navy right after Pearl Harbor and served 34 months aboard the USS Alabama as a gunnery captain. You'll spy a trove of the HOF pitcher's memorabilia aboard.

What to do

When in Azalea city, you need to drink in a sea of hot pink and purple hues at Bellingrath Gardens and Home in the Mobile suburb of Theodore. While azalea season is in the spring, they've got roses blooming in the summer, chrysanthemums in the fall and poinsettias perking up over the winter, so there's no off season at this 65-acre floral fantasy land.

Where to eat

Wintzell's Oyster House, now a sprouting regional chain, is a Mobile mainstay with the original location on Dauphin Street shucking bivalves since 1938. They're known for serving them "fried, stewed, or nude." Try a dozen chargrilled, or at least sidle up to the bar to witness the open-flame preparation in action.

Cap off your Mobile culinary crawl with the progressive Southern cuisine of True Midtown Kitchen. Manager Richard True and chef Jonathan Stern collaborate on edgier takes on familiar dishes. Order the lamb meat loaf garnished with a mint ketchup and served with garam masala potatoes and Waldorf salad.

"We like to find the root of one thing and do it a little different ... say with eastern spices like in the meatloaf, that's the goal," says True.

Where to stay

The landmark site of The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa has burned down a few times in the past 200 years, but the current AAA four-diamond building is still plenty old, dating back to 1908. On the second floor have a friend stand facing one of the four arches. Go to the other 50 feet away and say, "What's up, doc?" They'll hear you loud and clear. Of course, these arch-whispering acoustics mean you may want to steer away from "private" conversations in the vicinity.

Alabama's port city has plenty to offer. MIKE DOJC/METRO

If you go...

- **Carnival Museum.** mobilecarnivalmuseum.com
- **USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park.** ussalabama.com
- **Bellingrath Gardens and Home.** bellingrath.org
- **Wintzell's Oyster House.** wintzellsoysterhouse.com
- **True Midtown Kitchen.** kitchen.truedine.com
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Five free things to do when you're in Sicily

Sicily is the Mediterranean's largest island and a trip around this triangular-shaped ancient land can be particularly rewarding for those in search of free things to do. Besides Sicily's sights, smells and sounds — the feast of wildflowers in rainy months, colourful street markets, picturesque faces and places around every corner — many of the island's greatest gifts are free.

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Mountains

There are three extensive regional parks to explore — those of Mount Etna, and the Nebrodi and Madonie mountains. In each of these reserves there are a wealth of hiking trails, rivers and spectacular gorges to navigate. Many paths skirt the smouldering volcano of Etna, which offers one of the most spectacular free shows on Earth during its frequent eruptions.

The sea

When you think of Sicily, you can't help but imagine the sea. Sicily's coasts are dotted by public beaches and gorgeous quiet spots. Besides the beaches of the main island, Sicily's satellite islands — the Aeolian and Egadi are the easiest to reach — offer stunning oases. To enjoy the sea at its best, go to the protected marine area of the Egadi islands where sea life flourishes.

The Norman Cathedrals

In the Middle Ages, Sicily was conquered by the Normans, bands of northern knights who were leading the Crusades at the time. In Sicily, the Norman kingdom merged northern and Muslim esthetics to create one of Europe's most fascinating architectural styles. Awe-inspiring vaulted ceilings, glass mosaics with rich golden backgrounds transfix visitors. The cathedrals at Monreale and Cefalu are free.

Targa Florio

Sicily remains a great destination to watch open road racing. The biggest of these events is connected to the historic Targa Florio, an open road race begun in 1906 that took racers onto the hair-raising mountain roads near Palermo. The Targa Florio became a celebrated event of daring, but eventually became too dangerous. The event continues as a rally in May where classic and modern cars roar through the narrow mountain switchbacks.

The festivals

Among the biggest and most celebrated festivals in Sicily are those connected to Easter. Trapani's daylong Easter procession — the Misteri di Trapani — is best known for its masses of people, its ornate wooden statues, music and the range of emotions displayed by participants and viewers alike. The hours-long procession evokes everything from frenzy to sorrow to joy as bearers bolster the statues through crowded streets.

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Size matters when managing success

Career. Whether petite or gargantuan, the size of the company you work for makes a professional difference

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When it comes to an ideal company size, there is no right answer. It's important to take time to reflect on your personal and professional priorities to decide what kind of environment might be better for you. ISTOCK

Have you ever wondered if the size of the organization you work for can affect your career? The answer is that yes, it can.

There are benefits to working at both small companies (generally considered to be businesses with fewer than 100 employees) and large companies (those with more than 500 employees). Mid-sized organizations fall between the two.

Unless you have a concrete reason for preferring one over the other, it's best to apply to companies of all sizes when looking for a job.

Over the course of your career, you'll hopefully get to experience what it's like to work at both large and small establishments. Here are some of the major differences you'll notice:

Levels of responsibility

Those who work at a smaller company may have more individual responsibility than their counterparts at large organizations.

A small staff means that there are fewer individuals responsible for the company's operations, so the share of responsibility is greater.

However, managers at large companies may be responsible for operations at a higher level — with higher risks and higher potential gains or losses, for example.

In general, a company's size determines how much of a role an ordinary employee has in both the organization's successes and failures. At smaller companies, there's potential for more recognition when things go well — and more accountability when they don't.

Staff dynamic

- Employees at a small company will usually get to know each other better and may develop an organization-wide sense of community and teamwork. They may also find it easier to develop relationships with most or all of the people at their office, which can be great for fostering a positive work environment.
- At large firms, staff are more likely to work on teams within departments or even different offices. They often build strong relationships with the people they work most closely with and become acquainted with other staff members (which can be very helpful for networking).

Job descriptions

Along with a greater portion of responsibility, employees of small companies also have more varied workloads. One person might be responsible for managing several portfolios or platforms, while someone with a similar background at a larger organization may only be responsible for one or two projects, working as part of a larger team.

There are pros and cons to both. At a large company, you'll likely find a more established internal structure with clear delegation of responsibility and the opportunity to focus intensely on a small number of tasks.

Get to work in a smaller organization, and you'll be responsible for a more diverse and fluid role. This can be great for gaining new experience and growing professionally.

Mobility and stability

Companies with more employees typically have more opportunities for advancement within the organization. These opportunities can be both vertical (moving upwards in the company's management structure) or horizontal (moving into a different department or area at a similar level).

In comparison, staff at smaller companies can be more stable — it's less likely that employees will change positions internally so unless they decide to leave the organization, the company's internal structure is not going to change as often.

Take the good with the bad

At smaller companies, there's potential for more recognition when things go well — and more accountability when they don't.

Employee benefits

Large companies can sometimes offer their employees more comprehensive benefits and higher salaries because they generally have the resources to do so.

However, working in a smaller office can come with other perks. Organizations with fewer employees might have more personal staff outings and get-togethers or celebrate birthdays or holidays, for example, which can strengthen team dynamics and create an environment where employees genuinely enjoy working together. It's also much more common for employees of small (or new) companies to own equity in the company, which means their hard work is directly tied to an increase in value.

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You can always keep gnocchi on hand to enjoy as a side dish, as part of a dish like this one or in your hearty stews instead of potatoes.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) boneless pork loin chops or boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground pepper
- 2 tsp (10 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 pkg (8 oz/227 g) mushrooms, quartered
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) sodium reduced chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 pkg (500 g) fresh potato gnocchi
- Half red pepper, diced
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley

1. On cutting board, trim fat off pork chops and cut crosswise into thin strips; place in bowl. Add thyme, oregano, pepper and toss to coat evenly.

2. In large, deep non-stick skillet heat oil over medium high heat and brown pork in batches if necessary on all sides, about 5 minutes. Remove to plate.

3. Add mushrooms, onion and garlic to skillet and cook stirring over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until browned. Pour in broth and bring to boil over medium high heat.

4. Return the pork strips to the skillet and cook them over medium low heat for about 3 minutes or until pork has a hint of pink inside.

5. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling water, cook gnocchi for about 5 minutes or until they float to the top and are tender. Using slotted spoon, scoop out gnocchi and let drain well and add to sauce in skillet. Repeat with all the gnocchi. Add red pepper and parsley and toss to coat.

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Court documents

A-Rod's cousin given nearly $1M for silence on PEDs

The U.S. government says New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez gave his cousin nearly $1 million last year to keep secret Rodriguez' use of performance-enhancing drugs.

In court documents filed last week in Miami, federal prosecutors said Rodriguez made four wire payments totalling $900,000 US between June 2013 and September 2013 to settle a threatened lawsuit by Yuri Sucart, who had worked as Rodriguez's personal assistant. The total value of that settlement could be nearly $2 million, when factoring in other elements of the deal such as a home, a car and insurance.

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NFL

Vikings would welcome Peterson

Adrian Peterson has been away from the Minnesota Vikings for almost two months.

If he's allowed back this season, teammates would welcome him without hesitation.

That was the consensus from players as they left the practice field Tuesday, shortly before Peterson avoided jail time and a trial on the child abuse charge against him with a plea agreement in Texas.

"We all know the kind of person Adrian is, and I feel like he's proven that over his time here," tight end Kyle Rudolph said.

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Curtis Glencross of the Flames roughs up the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin on Tuesday night in Washington. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Flames spoil Ovie's momentous night

NHL. Sniper becomes Capitals' all-time leading scorer, but Monahan tallies in OT

On Tuesday

Flames	Capitals
4	3

Alex Ovechkin became the leading scorer in Capitals history, raising his career point total to 827 with a pair of assists in Washington's 4-3 overtime loss to the Calgary Flames on Tuesday night.

Sean Monahan scored the winning goal for Calgary at 4:17 of the extra period after the Flames tied it late in regulation.

Washington has lost five straight since winning at Calgary on Oct. 25.

Ovechkin moved atop the scoring list when his shot from the left point was deflected by Nicklas Backstrom through the legs of goalie Jonas Hiller at 10:18 of the first period.

That broke a tie with Peter Bondra, who stood and cheered from the owner's box as Ovechkin raised his arms in triumph.

Bondra needed 961 games to reach 825 points; Ovechkin was playing in his 691st game.

"I am happy for Alex. It is well-deserved," Bondra said after the second period. "It was a matter of time, actually."

Moments after Ovechkin reached the milestone, the scoreboard showed a montage of his memorable moments in a Capitals uniform. As the sellout crowd chanted "Ovie! Ovie!" he waved to acknowledge the ovation.

The 29-year-old Ovechkin, a native of Moscow, has 428 goals and 399 assists.

His second assist came at 14:23 of the second period, when Joel Ward scored during a two-man advantage to make it 3-2.

Calgary forced overtime with a goal at 14:50 of the third period when a clearing attempt on a shot by Markus Granlund went off the skate of Washington's Troy Brouwer and into the net.

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Stampeders receiver Marquay McDaniel carries the ball against the Eskimos on Sept. 6 in Edmonton. McDaniel has been out of Calgary's last six games nursing a broken hand. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

Injury-riddled Stamps welcome back McDaniel

CFL. Receiver returns following six-game absence due to a broken hand

The Calgary Stampeders have had enough bad news on the injury front lately that they welcomed any good news they could get.

The return of receiver Marquay McDaniel after a six-game absence due to a broken hand provided players and coaches with a positive talking point after practice on Tuesday.

"I'm very pleased about that situation," said Calgary coach and general manager John Hufnagel. "I know he's excited about playing. He's a big part of our offence when he's on the field. He's probably our most complete receiver."

After a disheartening 18-13 loss at home to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Saturday, the Stamps (14-3) are looking forward to welcoming McDaniel back to the lineup for their road game against the B.C. Lions (9-8) in Vancouver on Friday night.

Not only did the Stamps lose the game to the Bombers, they also lost running back Jon Cornish and receiver Maurice Price to concussions as well as rookie receiver/kick returner Sederrik Cunningham to a sprained ankle.

That makes the return of McDaniel off the six-game injured list even more important for the Stamps, who want to head into the post-season on a positive note.

"We want to be playing our best going into the playoffs," said McDaniel, eagerly anticipating his return to BC Place where he suffered a season-ending ankle injury in the final game of the regular season one year earlier.

"I actually feel blessed. My season could be over. You see guys with lower-body injuries. It's not my knee. It's not my foot. I think that would have hurt a little bit more, especially playing receiver trying to come back from it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concussion research

Forzani's brain donated to science

Researchers with the Canadian Sports Concussion Project will be studying the brain of a former Calgary Stampeders football player who died last week.

A friend and former teammate of John Forzani says the two of them discussed the matter four years ago.

Basil Bark says Forzani decided at the time that donating his brain to science would be worthwhile.

Forzani was an offensive lineman with the Stampeders for six seasons in the 1970s.

He died on Friday at age 67 after suffering a heart attack in California.

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2014 Ford Transit Connect

- **Type.** Three- or four-door, compact cargo van
- **Engines.** 2.5-litre 4-cylinder (169 hp), turbocharged 1.6-litre 4-cylinder (178)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Price.** $28,699 base, $30,899 as tested

Market position

The first-generation Transit Connect essentially started the small, purpose-built work van segment in Canada. This new generation now faces competition, including some with lower starting prices, which will give buyers even more choices.

Points

- The Transit Connect can carry up to 780 kilograms (1,720 lb.) and, when properly equipped, tow up to 907 kilograms (2,000 lb.).
- The front passenger seat folds flat, to accommodate cargo up to 2,969 mm long.
- Ford works with suppliers who can outfit the van with shelves, partitions, refrigeration units, bins and other specialized systems.

The dash and centre stack are similar to Ford's passenger cars.

Interesting features

Rear doors open up to 180 degrees; capless fuel filler; overhead storage shelf; available electric windshield defroster; auto-dimming mirror; backup camera; remote starter.

Sometimes, smaller is better

Review. Transit Connect is ideal for companies or families that don't need a full-sized van

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You've probably heard that you should always use the right tool for the job. For work trucks, that often means a smaller van for smaller jobs.

But Canadian companies had few options until 2010, when Ford introduced its European-based Transit Connect.

That model is completely updated for 2014. It now looks and drives better, and comes with more features. There's also a passenger version that Ford intends as an alternative to the minivan.

The base engine is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, starting at $28,699 in XL cargo van trim. My top-line XLT tester, which starts at $30,099, was further optioned with a turbocharged 1.6-litre EcoBoost four-cylinder, which adds another $800.

The idea behind EcoBoost is you get smaller-engine fuel efficiency under light load, but when needed, the turbo kicks in to provide bigger-engine power. It runs on regular-grade fuel and I averaged 9.9 L/100 km in it.

As you might expect from a vehicle that's also intended for personal use, the Transit Connect handles well and doesn't feel tippy, despite its height. It can be ordered with one or two sliding side doors, and with twin rear doors or a liftgate.

Standard features on the cargo van include air conditioning, keyless entry, and a tilt-and-telescopic steering wheel. The dash and centre stack bear some resemblance to Ford's passenger cars, and mine came with such amenities as a navigation system, satellite radio, and backup camera. It looks good, but it could use more small-item storage space, since there aren't many places to stash all the loose stuff that's needed for a typical workday.

Ford also offers a full-size van, the new Transit, which replaces the outgoing E-Series (Econoline) van. But many businesses don't need something that big.

For businesses such as caterers, florists and light-duty deliveries, the Transit Connect is the right size, as well as being far more manoeuvrable in tight city spaces.

It took a long time for these European-style vans to get here, but we've now learned that small can be beautiful.

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Q45: 1989-2006

Nissan dreamt up its high-end division in the mid-1980s, establishing a clandestine taskforce code-named Horizon. The curve-hugging embodiment of those efforts, the flagship Q45, was introduced at the 1989 Detroit auto show. The rear-wheel-drive luxury sedan with all-multilink suspension and a 278-hp, 4.5-litre V8 struck a chord.

Mouthpiece: Infiniti's nascent commercials were high-concept affairs, featuring flocking geese and rippling ponds. After enduring talk-show ribbing, the company shifted gears. When the second generation rolled out, Jonathan Pryce's Welsh wiles, wit, and mambo moves spun pure brand-affinity-building gold.

Jonathan Pryce

J30: 1992-1997

Nissan's rock-star designer Jerry Hirshberg envisioned the J30's rounded contours — a stark contrast to the wedge-shaped vibe that was then in vogue. Prima ballerina Karen Kain owned one — a testament to its grace — and when the model was discontinued, she graduated to its successor, the i30.

Mouthpiece: "Hey pal …don't you even think about it." Only Michael Douglas, with years of playing the prototypical yuppie to draw on, could deliver the line with just the right amount of Me Generation disdain.

The subject of his animus is a woodpecker peering into the J30's cabin, longingly admiring the burled wood trim.

Michael Douglas

The G37 Cirque du Soleil art car marked Infiniti's 20th anniversary. INFINITI

Milestone. Infiniti brand marks a quarter-century of pitch-perfect pipes

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When Nissan introduced its Infiniti luxury brand in 1989, it was up against some stiff competition from established German brands BMW and Mercedes.

To help build cachet, the Japanese automaker created cars with a distinct throaty roar more in tune with six-figure sports cars. It then turned to a series of equally throaty celebrities to act as spokesmodels to boost Infiniti's brand recognition among potential buyers.

In honour of its 25th anniversary, we look back at four of Infiniti's most iconic models, and the stars whose pipes helped sell them.

Infiniti's next model may be the Q50 Eau Rouge, a 560-hp all-wheel-drive super sedan concept. If it goes ahead, it will need a spokesmodel who can convey the car's combination of supple suspension, breakneck speed, and icy-veined composure. Sounds like a job for Scarlett Johansson.

M Series (Q70) 2002-present

When you bestow a car with the same sobriquet as Ian Fleming's MI6 honcho, it had better be as intelligent and refined as Dame Judy Dench. The 2011 model introduced blind-spot intervention, then a novel feature enhancing mere warning alerts with selective braking.

Also new on that model was the Forest Air system, with sensors to prevent unsavory scents from invading the cabin.

Mouthpiece: "Have you driven a car with pure silver dust hand-polished into the wood?" Only Liev Schreiber's vocal cocktail could read that line and win you over.

Liev Schreiber

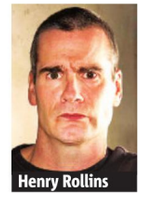
G37 (Q-40) 2008-present

The nimble G37, available as both a sport coupe and sedan, has risen up the luxury board to contend with the BMW 3 Series.

The ability to clip apexes while navigating a winding mountain pass at high speeds is a premium car's bread and butter.

In honour of Infiniti's 20th and Cirque du Soleil's 25th anniversary, Heidi Taillefer hand-painted a G37 to reflect its intricate mechanics and contortionist grace (photo).

Mouthpiece: Former Black Flag frontman Henry Rollins apparently landed the gig as a narrator on his authoritative pipes alone.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Shift: From technology to the environment

Honda sorry for multiple recalls, executives pay the price with pay cuts

Honda has announced its president and 12 other executives would take quality-related pay cuts in the wake of the automaker's fifth recall in the first year of its new Fit hybrid (not sold in North America).

"We have inconvenienced many customers, and we're deeply sorry," Reuters reports Honda spokesperson Akemi Ando as saying.

The recall covers more than 400,000 Fit hybrids and other models. Honda is also facing lawsuits regarding collisions that involved outsourced airbags, also used by other brands, that have triggered multi-million-vehicle recalls by several automakers.

Honda Motor CEO Takanobu Fumihiko Ike will lose 20 per cent of his undisclosed salary, while other senior executives will give up 10 per cent of theirs.

Honda executives are taking pay cuts over a spate of recalls, including five for the Fit Hybrid, which is not sold in North America.

Shift points

- A recent study of fleet managers — the people who buy and manage vehicles for companies, governments and other groups — found they were responsible for more than 50 per cent of global plug-in electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle sales through 2012.
- The Ledcor Group of Companies in British Columbia have taken delivery of more than 200 compressed natural gas vehicles, instantly creating one of Canada's largest CNG fleets. The 2014 and '15 Ford Transit Connect cargo vans are the first of their kind.
- Tesla partner Panasonic will invest tens of billions of Japanese yen (1 billion yen is about $9.2 million US) in Tesla's project to supply electric-car batteries. The Wall Street Journal quotes a Panasonic executive saying there will be similar instalments to come.

Chrysler will launch a plug-in hybrid minivan next year

Chrysler says it will bring to market late next year a plug-in hybrid version of its next Town & Country minivan. That's a year earlier than the company had indicated in its latest five-year plan. No automaker has offered a hybrid minivan, with or without a plug, notes the Green Car Reports website. Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne told Automotive News at the recent Paris Auto Show that the cost equation of electrification for plug-in vehicles remains "a fundamental obstacle" for his company. He has been quoted as saying that Chrysler loses $10,000 on every plug-in electric Fiat 500 it sells.

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Chrysler will bring a plug-in hybrid minivan to market in late 2015. It would be the first of its kind, which seems fitting since Chrysler basically invented the minivan category.

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Rio4 SX with Navigation shown[5] – hwy / city 100km[6]: 5.3L/7.3L

2015 RIO LX MT

OWN IT FROM $39 WEEKLY

$0 DOWN PAYMENT

0% FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS[4]

Offer includes delivery, destination, fees and a $1,500 loan rebate[7]. Offer based on 2015 Rio LX MT (RO541F) with a selling price of **$15,602**.

CASH PURCHASE PRICE FROM $12,999[8]

Forte SX shown[5] – hwy / city 100km[6]: 5.3L/8.0L

2015 FORTE LX MT

INCLUDING $4,503 IN CASH CREDIT[9]

Offer includes delivery, destination, fees, a $4,500 cash credit and a $3 dealer contribution[9]. Offer based on 2015 Forte LX MT (FO541F) with a selling price of **$17,502**.

OWN IT FROM $71[4] WEEKLY + DON'T PAY *until* NEXT YEAR[1]

Optima SX Turbo AT shown[5] – hwy / city 100km[6]: 5.7L/8.9L

2015 OPTIMA LX AT

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Technology. Flying car that runs on regular gas and fits in regular parking spot is 'very close to finished'

The AeroMobil 3.0 flying car has been unveiled, and it takes off quicker than ever.

Revealed at the Pioneers Festival in Vienna, the latest prototype of the vehicle features significant improvements and upgrades since its last version.

The machine, which its designers say is "very close to the finished product," is now being tested in real flight conditions.

Designed and manufactured in just 10 months, the car is about the same size as a limousine or a large luxury sedan, and can be parked in regular parking spots in cities. It runs on standard gasoline and can be fuelled at regular gas stations.

"I believe AeroMobil will inspire new ways of thinking about personal travel," says CEO Juraj Vaculik. "It may really enable new ways of travel, advancing it to a new level. We are set to reinvent the flying car without constraints and deliver excitement through unique technical solution and design."

Now being tested in real flight conditions, the AeroMobil collapses to the size of a limousine for road use. AFP

Video link

For a YouTube video of the AeroMobil in flight, go to bit.ly/1rWho44.

The Slovakian invention has been in development since 1989, when Stefan Klein began working on a concept of a flying car. He was joined by Vaculik in 2010 and the pair embarked upon commercializing the project.

AFP

Co-created by actor Keanu Reeves, the Arch KRGT-1 starts at $78,000. AFP

Motorcycles. Keanu Reeves finally reveals his custom two-wheeler

In 2007, Canadian actor Keanu Reeves (The Matrix) co-founded Arch Motorcycle Co. with designer and engineer Gard Hollinger.

Now the venture is launching its first production model, the Arch KRGT-1, based on a concept unveiled in 2012.

Unequivocally sporty, the Arch KRGT-1 boasts a 2,032 cc S&S Cycle V-Twin engine (122 hp) paired with a six-speed Baker Drivetrain transmission.

The model has a chassis in aluminum and steel, BST wheels in ultralight carbon fibre, and Ohlins suspension.

With a starting price of $78,000, the KRGT-1 is available on the company's website at archmotorcycle.com. AFP

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Something that seemed so simple a few days ago now looks complicated. Maybe it is, or maybe it's just your mind. Either way, don't make any hasty decisions today.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The more time and effort you pour into a certain situation the worse it appears to get. Why not take the hint and back off?

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
According to the planets you are working too hard and need to take a break. Everyone needs time to relax and you need it more than most right now.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It may be tempting to go beyond what you know you are capable of but the planets warn your calculations could easily be wrong — and that could be costly in more ways than one.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Certain areas of your private life may be chaotic but that is no reason to change everything. Focus on one task at a time today and don't let domestic worries detract from equally important issues.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your assumptions about what is right and wrong will be challenged today. You may need to change what you believe in.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's Sun-Uranus link warns that changing things for the sake of it is both foolish and dangerous. If something isn't broken then why try to fix it?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A difficult situation is set to continue for some while yet. Changes may be worrying but in the long-term you will be glad you were forced to move in a new direction.

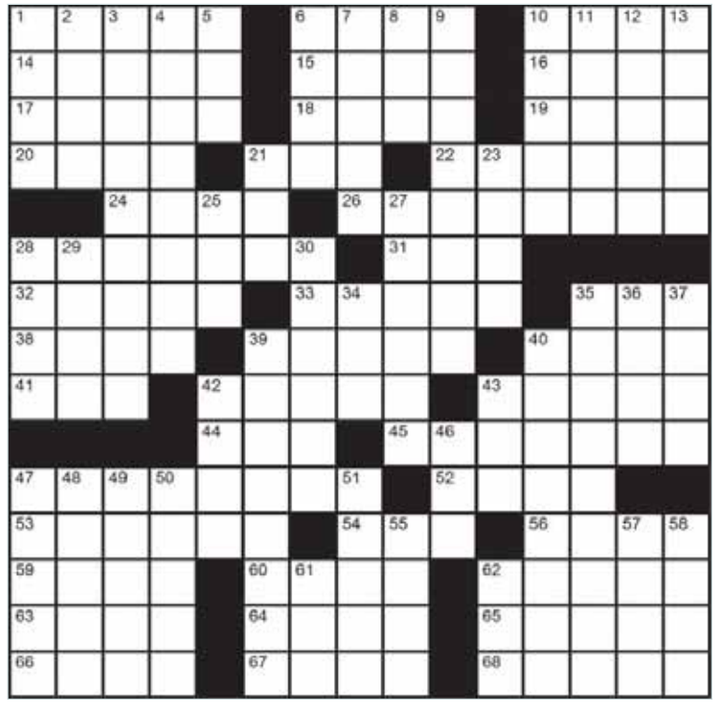
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Why are you so determined to look on the gloomy side of life? No doubt it has something to do with cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart but you don't have to worry.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Resist the urge to make snap decisions today. The Sun at odds with Uranus means you should proceed with caution, in your private life and at work.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Certain things are going out of your life and, if you are sensible, you will speed them on their way. The new is invariably more rewarding than the old.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The planets warn that your critical faculties are not what they should be at the moment, so try not to get too excited if certain people make you remarkable offers.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. 'Piece of My Soul' singer from Sherbrooke
6. Vegetable variety
10. Smudge
14. Music's Lisa, and surnamesakes
15. Opera voice
16. Role for Canadian actress Kristin Kreuk on "Smallville", __ Lang
17. __ it goes (There you have it): 2 wds.
18. Very: German
19. Against
20. Financial woe
21. Electrical resistance unit
22. __ Inlet, Nunavut
24. Glorify
26. National Enquirer breaking stories
28. Like a newborn baby bird's egg
31. New Wave singer Adam
32. Use a bike
33. G's spelled-out follower
35. Compass dir.
38. Lynn __ (Manitoba town)
39. Air conditioners company
40. Network for Ed Grimley
41. Mag. edition
42. Red Hot __ Peppers
43. Chevrolet SUV model
44. __ Tin Tin
45. Actor Ron
47. Thoroughfare in Vancouver, __ __.
52. May, in Lisbon
53. "Alas, poor __! I knew him, Horatio..." - Hamlet
54. Adele's "Rumour __ It"
56. Null and __
59. Music key, _ __.
60. Wild goat
62. The Great __, "The Flintstones" alien
63. Sword sort
64. Not yet final, at law
65. Pitching _ __
66. Also-__ (Runners-up)
67. Departs
68. Not nos

Down

1. Beaming
2. The best
3. Ottawa's CFL football team
4. Hindrance
5. Mil. entertainment presenter
6. #9-Down's "Reign" role
7. Chemistry: Ca and Fe, e.g.
8. Ordinal suffix
9. Mr. Coombs, Vancouver-born actor
10. Boring
11. Sri __
12. Up to
13. Precipitations
21. Lyric poem
23. Literary collection [abbr.]
25. Baby guitar
27. Feline's treat
28. Nero's 251
29. Scandinavian rugs
30. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby's
34. 'President' suffix
35. Hobnobs
36. Ancient colonnade
37. Fifty-fifty
39. Ed Sheeran's "__ Out Loud"
40. Drool
42. Dundee's fave reptile
43. __-la-la
46. Bad __ (German spa resort)
47. Actress Winona
48. __-Loompa
49. Conan O's missing bit
50. Trigonometry ratios
51. Guess Who's "__ Eyes"
55. Allies foe in WWII
57. Ms. Skye of "Say Anything..." (1989)
58. Points
61. __-Oil (Skincare brand)
62. __ Lea (Canadian dairy products brand)

Yesterday's Crossword

Online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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8	7	1	2	5	3	9	4	6
9	2	6	8	7	4	3	1	5
2	8	3	5	9	1	4	6	7
1	4	9	6	8	7	5	2	3
5	6	7	4	3	2	1	9	8
4	1	8	7	2	5	6	3	9
6	3	2	9	1	8	7	5	4
7	9	5	3	4	6	2	8	1

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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2015 CHRYSLER 200S
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OR PAY $179 BIWEEKLY

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14T435
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